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SMITH et al.)

Application No: 09/747,660)

Filed: December 22, 2000)

For: WAFER BACKSIDE PLATE FOR)
USE IN A SPIN, RINSE, AND DRY)
MODULE AND METHODS FOR MAKING)
AND IMPLEMENTING THE SAME)

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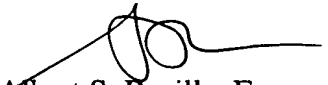
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2002, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute, without traverse, group I claims 1-19 in the above-identified Patent Application.

Applicants believe that no fees are required in the filing of this Response. However, if it is determined that any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P216). Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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